

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is anti-American and a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, the political opinions of CEOs and the financial interests of the companies, rather than the public good, are promulgated. Instead of something produced at "News Central," it's more important that we see treatment of issues that immediately affect our own families and communities. And, above all, the news should be balanced and not merely reflect the views of the owners.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.